CHAPTER - 4

CASE STUDIES
In this chapter ten case studies of single Parents and ten case studies of children have described. The case studies aimed at exploring maximum possible of the single parents and their children so that a further schedule on each for research could be undertaken.

4.1. Case Studies of the Family Disassembly from the Perspective of Single Parents:

During the study of the family disassembly, its impacts of family, children and society in Sana'a, Yemen, we conducted case studies of 10 families from the area. We studied 10 families in details from the perspective of single parents. While choosing these 10 cases, it was kept in mind the causes, factors and impacts of the issue on the family itself, children and on the whole family. We collected the information about the contact addresses of the families that were targeted for the study by referring to the official registration book of the Social Mission: the social mission includes: (i) Social Care House for Boys,(ii) The House of Orphans' Care,(iii) Court of South-West Secretariat. 2 cases were taken from the Social Care House for Boys, 3 cases were taken from the House of Orphans' Care and 5 cases were taken from Court of South-West Secretariat. Thus, the required sample consisted of ten cases. The case studies were done through two stages. In the first stage, we used interviews, documents and observations. In the second stage the interview guide or schedule was also used. The interviews with the families were conducted with single parents in their social premises /their homes.
First Case:

(A - A) is a 40-years-old illiterate woman from the centre of Sana'a whose family married her off to a man from the same district. Her family consists of five children: 3 sons and 2 daughters living with their grandmother in their own house, a three-room flat furnished with satellite T.V. She does not work. The family's monthly income is fifty thousand Yemeni riyals paid by the husband which is somehow sufficient. She is a divorcee. The reason for divorce was the interference of the husband's relatives, especially his sisters, in the family's affairs. They exploited the husband's kindness to create problems between him and his wife. They encouraged him to marry another woman and because he believed them thus he did that. The wife asked for a divorce but he initially refused. She went to court and he was forced to divorce her. All kids live with their mother and they are rarely visited by the father. The mother feels extremely depressed because of the divorce while the children suffer from sense of fear and insecurity as a result of the absence of their father. This has led them to hate their father's relatives.

As far as how society views her as a divorced woman, (A - A) she says that people are sympathetic and supportive for two reasons: First: because they know that her divorce was unfair because of her husband's relatives' interference in their life. Secondly, people know how deeply she loves her kids and how she encourages them to study. This love and care makes her kids love and obey her. To keep the family happy, she argues, relatives should not interfere in the disputes between husband and wife. Such interference often leads to the disintegration of the family, and it weakens social relationships among relatives within society.

This case suggests the following:
1. Causes and factors leading to family disassembly are: Divorce and intervention of the husband's relatives in the marital life of the couples and it was the most important cause of disassembly.

2. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on children are: Children having the feeling of fear and insecurity in their lives.

3. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on family are: The wife in the case of divorce has the feeling of frustration and despair in life.

4. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on society are: Children and she herself not visiting the husband's relatives and developed hatred attitude by children towards them. This with no doubt is making the family relationships weak and loose.

5. Suggestion and recommendations: She argues that relatives should not interfere in the disputes between husband and wife. Such interference often leads to the disintegration of the family, and it weakens social relationships among relatives within society.

Second Case:

(R-B) is a thirty-year old woman from the countryside who moved to the city after marrying one of her relatives at the age of 15. She lives with her two daughters and son in the suburbs of Sana'a. She is illiterate and has never worked. The husband is a university graduate who had worked for sometime in an oil company before establishing a construction company with some friends. As a result of his increased income, he built a new house for his family.

Although their financial condition improved greatly, the wife noticed that her husband stayed late outside the house at night with his friends. This behavior annoyed her but the thing that she could not bear
was that she came to know he had relationships with other women. She confronted him and he promised not to do it again but he did not keep his promise. When she asked for a divorce, he rejected the idea, but later he succumbed to her insistence, and divorced her in court. The family lives on the 75 thousand paid by the husband and this amount is quite sufficient. The residence is located in a deluxe neighborhood and it consists of four rooms with all luxuries such as T.V. Satellite, computer but no internet connection. The house is owned by the husband but he left it for his children and their mother to live in. The eldest son left school when he was in the seventh class because of his repeated failure and the bad influence of bad friends. Her other kids still go to school. She feels disappointed because of the divorce but she had no other option. The other thing that worries her is the kids' feeling of being inferior because their father does not visit them although he does his best to provide them with money and needs. She tries to look after her kids lest they go astray but she faces lots of problems in bringing them up and controlling them despite the fact that she uses force when necessary. Moreover, she faces a lot of restrictions on her behavior and movement by her relatives and neighbors because she is a divorced woman. She believes that this negative view is so suffocating that it threatens to destroy her life. To keep the integrity of the family partners should know religious issues as well as rights and duties that strengthen the family.

This case suggests the following:

1. **Causes and factors leading to the family disassembly are:** Divorce resulted because of the betrayal and infidelity of the husband for the wife and it was the cause of the family disassembly.
2. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on children are: Children have the feeling of inferiority and dropping-out the school to join the friends with bad backgrounds and habits.

3. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on family are: The wife has a heavy burden of the upbringing the children alone. Besides, her behavior and movement are being watched out by the family and neighbors.

4. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on society are: Rebellion of the children against the social values and conventions

5. Suggestion and recommendations: To keep the integrity of the family, partners should know religious issues as well as rights and duties that strengthen the family.

The Third Case:

(H-O) is 33-years-old and lives in the outskirts of Sana'a. While she works as a teacher, her husband, a university graduate too, is a government employee. The accommodation is a three-room rented flat in a middle class neighborhood. It includes T.V. satellite. In addition to her two daughters, her old parents live with her. She said after marriage she discovered that her husband was having an affair with his ex-fiancé whom he loved but had to break up the engagement under pressure from his father, who forced him to marry the woman his father chose. Because she was forced on him by his parent, she believes that her husband tried in many ways to avenge himself on her. He treated her badly when she gave birth to their first child because he did not want children from her. That maltreatment intensified when the second child was born. He even forced her to take anti-pregnancy pills and when he came to know that
she was pregnant for the third time, he went nuts. He tried to beat her on
the belly so that she would miscarry and when he failed, he gave
medicine claiming that it is for headache but in fact it was for abortion.
She was taken to hospital where she underwent an abortion operation.
After her suffering in the hospital she felt a strong hatred towards her
husband and was unable to continue to live with him. She went to court
seeking divorce and was granted her wish with the right of custody.
Sometimes she feels depressed as a result of her bitter experience and
often she is consumed by her hate of her ex-husband. Moreover,
restrictions are imposed on her by society.

H-O. says that her kids do not like their father even though they
need his love and care. The family income is the mother 55000 salary
which is sufficient to some extent. She believes that carefully choosing
the partner will enhance the integrity of the family.

This case suggests the following:

1. Causes and factors leading to family disassembly are: It is the
case of divorce because of misunderstanding and lack of
coordination between the wife and the husband.

2. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on children are:
Children have the feeling of hatred towards of the father because of
his bad treatment for their mother.

3. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on family are: She
feels of depression and disappointment due to the failure of her
marriage experience in life.

4. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on society are: The
family disassembly would Produce people with psychologically and
mentally unstable cases and thus non productive.
5. **Suggestion and recommendations:** She believes that carefully choosing the partner will enhance the integrity of the family.

**Fourth Case:**

(L-S) is a 45-years-old housewife and a mother of three sons who lives in Sana'a Suburbs, although she did not go to school, she can read and write. Her family married her to a man from the same area with whom she spent the first few years of their married life in total happiness and stability. Shortly after she gave birth to her first child, her husband got a scholarship to an Arab country to study Master program in accountancy. He departed leaving her and their son with her family. After completing his work in the finance Ministry and was soon promoted to a general manager. His wife noticed that his attitude towards her had changed. He started treating her harshly, using psychological violence such as insult, calling names, and finding fault in and finding fault in everything she said, did or even worse. She suffered from his negligence as he used to leave her alone at home. After giving birth to three sons and 14 years of marriage, he divorced her. She believes that the main reason for the divorce is that they failed to understand each other due to the lack of harmony and education gap between them. He married a daughter of a well-known and well-off family worthy of his educational and vocational level.

The wife was subject to psychological violence when her kids were taken away leaving her depressed. It was only the interference of some social figures that returned her kids to her. Now she lives with her kids in a two-room flat in the ground floor of her family's three-storey building in a public neighborhood. It is an old residence in which she has got a T.V and a Satellite. The family income is in the form of 25-30 thousand
she gets from her family and the father often offers financial help to his kids. This is not enough to secure the sons' needs but she does not want any help from her ex-husband. She wants him to leave her and her sons alone and she will be wholly responsible for bringing them up and guiding them.

She says that she suffers from the restrictions on her movements imposed by her brothers. She sees that the misconduct she observed in her sons is that one of her sons has acquired some bad habits such as smoking and qat-chewing. She is worried that he will acquire the bad habit of stealing. She suggests partners should have the right of selection in marriage for each other.

This case suggests the following:

1. **Causes and factors leading to family disassembly are:** It is the case of divorce because of the lack of coordination and misunderstanding between the couples and no equality between them in educational level.

2. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on children are:** Children acquire bad habits such as smoking and qat-chewing.

3. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on family are:** The family disassembly would cause Dispersal of the family members when the father takes children from their mothers.

4. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on society are:** There was noticed that bad acts in society mainly the act of theft, and this threatens the stability of the values and rules of the social system.

5. **Suggestion and recommendations:** She suggests partners should have the right of selection in marriage for each other.
Fifth Case:

(A-Z) is an illiterate 47 man working as a service man in one of the cleaning companies for a 35 thousand monthly salary which is not sufficient for him and his family. His wife is an illiterate housewife and they live in a slum cottage in the outskirts of Sana'a along with the husband's sister and their five children, 3 daughters and two sons. The cottage does not include any luxuries. (A-Z) says that his wife is wholly responsible for the disintegration of the family because she used to continuously create problems. She is a troublesome and demanding woman who does not understand her husband's circumstances or consider his financial status. Moreover, she was addicted to smoking and chewing qat at the expense of her family's needs. She used to spend long hours with other women chewing qat, neglecting her husband and kids. She also pushed her kids to practice begging so that she would spend what they collected on qat and cigarettes. Continuous fights and quarrels forced the husband to divorce her. Now he allows the kids to visit their mother who lives with her family. Sometimes he would like to avenge himself for her for hurting him after divorce by insulting him and trying to encourage the kids to disobey him. These problems make some of the kids feel afraid of getting married in the future. Some of them left school while others did not join school because of lack of expenses. He feels worried for the future of his children especially the females as a result of wandering in the streets begging money. He tried to dissuade them but they refused to give up this profession. He thinks that his attitude towards the members of his family has not changed after divorce and people support and sympathize with him. To keep the integrity of the family, he suggests, all necessary things should be secured for all the members of the family.
This case suggests the following:

1. **Causes and factors leading to the family disassembly are:** The main cause is divorce which is in turn because of the wife's neglect for husband and children and indifference for financial circumstances of the family.

2. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on children are:** Feeling of fear from the experience of marriage in the future and dropping out of the school.

3. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on family are:** The husband feels worried and fearful of their diversion in behavior of children especially daughters who practicing the act of the begging in the streets.

4. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on society are:** There was rebellion against the authority of the father and this withdrawal of the father's role leads to their rebellion against the society.

5. **Suggestions and recommendations:** To keep the integrity of the family, he suggests, all necessary things should be secured for all the members of the family.

**Sixth Case:**

(R-A) is a 45 years old woman who is originally from a rural area and moved with her family to Sana'a. She has a secondary school certificate but does not work. She was married by her poor family to a university degree holder from the same area who works in trade and owes a large house in Sana'a. He married her because his first wife was infertile. The first wife was moved by jealousy to create problems for R.A especially when she came to know that the second wife was pregnant. Because the first wife was his cousin, the husband used to believe
whatever she said against R-A. The first wife even chose a new wife for the husband and both women united against her. More problems were created and her husband's hate towards her increased. She was subjected to verbal and physical abuse by the husband. Some of his close friends interfered and the husband rented a flat for the second wife and her children in the same neighborhood. The flat consists of two rooms with T.V and Satellite. Although he is rich, he gives them forty thousand a month which hardly suffices. They feel depressed because he rarely visits them as he lives with his other two wives and has three kids from the third one. The behavioral problems she has noticed in her kids is they tend to be introvert not mingling with people and not paying attention to their studies. One of them left school and this in turn is making them unable to face problems. She thinks that the absence of one parent leads to the disintegration of the family and a delinquent generation is created increasing the level of crime within society. To keep the family intact a man should have only one wife.

This case suggests the following:

1. **Causes and factors leading to the family disassembly are:** The cause of the case is abandonment of the wife by the husband because his polygamy. Besides, the wife gets emotionally insulted and humiliated.

2. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on children are:** Children feel of complete frustration and self-isolation because of their father's abandonment for them.

3. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on family are:** The family suffers from the imbalance and its members may get psychologically affected.
4. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on society are: The crackdown of the society and diversion from the sound social path may be noticed.

5. Suggestion and recommendations: To keep the family intact, a husband should have only one wife.

Seventh Case:

(A-Q) is a 46 years old man with a university degree who is working as a teacher in a government school for a sixty-three thousand monthly salary which is sufficient to some extent. He owns a four-room house, T.V., Satellite and computer. He lives in a middle-class suburb of Santa with his mother and five kids, three sons and 2 daughters. Three of them have joined school while the others are still young. His first wife died of high pressure after giving birth to their last child. His mother then helped him to care for the kids. She also urged him to remarry and after two years of his wife's death, he married another woman thinking that she would look after the kids and give them the love and care they missed. However, shortly he discovered that she mistreated his kids behind his back, depriving them of food as punishment, and forcefully taking the pocket money he gave them. This led to problems between him and her until one day he came home from work to find one of his kids with a broken hand and injured head after a fight with his stepmother who tried to take away his pocket money. He divorced her and had to care for his kids including the two sons of his second wife. His love and care ensure the obedience of his kids. What he suggests to secure the stability of the family is that partners should carefully choose each other.

This case suggests the following:
1. Causes and factors leading to the family disassembly are: The cause of the case is the death of the wife because of some illness.

2. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on children are: Children suffer a lot because the husband gets married again to new wife who treated the children badly.

3. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on family are: The husband comes to satisfaction of new marriage once again because of the bad experience of marriage he got when he married to the second wife.

4. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on society are: It doubles its negative effect to include another family that is the family of the second wife in addition to the family of the dead wife and thus leads to destabilizing the relationships between families.

5. Suggestions and recommendations: What he suggests to secure the stability of the family is that partners should carefully choose each other.

Eighth Case: 

(Y-B) is a 37 female with a university degree working as a teacher in a public school. She lives with her brothers in their father's house in a poor neighborhood in the middle of Sana'a. The accommodation is an independent three-room flat with Satellite, T.V. She married a university degree holder who works in a private company. After giving birth to their second child, the father was arrested for embezzlement, convicted of stealing huge amounts from the company, and sentenced to 10 years in prison. All his possessions were confiscated including the flat and the car, so his wife had to return to her family to live with them. She felt depressed for her husband's imprisonment and for him being let down by
some of his friends and relatives. Moreover the children feel insecure and are dominated by a strong desire to take revenge on society for not helping and protecting them and the way their relatives view them as inferiors. The family has no income except the mother's salary which is 54000 R. Y-B says that she faces difficulties in bringing up her kids who often revolt against her authority and neglect their studies despite her use of force. To keep the stability of the family, she suggests that family centers should be established to provide consultation and advice to families.

This case suggests the following:

1. **Causes and factors leading to the family disassembly are:** The case is caused by 10-year imprisonment because of embezzlement of national money.

2. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on children are:** Children feel of being insecure and more inferior to their peers.

3. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on family are:** The hard task in upbringing the children while they are rebellious against her authority.

4. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on society are:** Children Feel of sense of revenge dominated their lives against the people who left their father while in need for help.

5. **Suggestion and recommendations:** To keep the stability of the family, she suggests that family centers should be established to provide consultation and advice to families.

**Ninth Case:**

The ninth case is Mr. (Sh-R) a 47 years old carpenter with a high school certificate. He works in carpentry for 67000 RY which is
sufficient to some extent for him and his 6 children, 3 sons and 3 daughters. He owns a modern house of four rooms with TV and satellite in Sana’a suburb. He says he wanted to continue his study but his sole patron, his dad died. Through his family, he married a woman who had also a high school certificate. When they moved from his village to Sana’a, he encouraged his wife to continue her study, supported her financially and helped in caring for their kids. He was every so helpful that he shifted his work to the evening shift. After completing her study, he helped her get a job in the Ministry of Education but soon he noticed a change in her behavior toward him and the children. She never helped in the expenses of the house and cared only for her look and her job. They started fighting and she used bad words to abuse him. Neither his advice nor the interference of her brothers helped in putting an end to the problems. According to him, it was the bad influence of her friends in work that spoilt his wife. She tried to imitate them although some of them had failed in their life. She repeatedly asked for a divorce but he endured for his kids’ sake but at last he did divorce her. People understood his position and supported him because he was faithful and self-sacrificing, while his wife was ungrateful when she revolted against him. This separation created a sense of despair in the kids and they became more introvert. All of them are in school and he allows them to visit their mother in her family’s house. As for him his attitude towards his family has not changed. He believes that partners should carefully choose each other if they want to build a strong and stable family.

This case suggests the following:

1. Causes and factors leading to the family disassembly are: The main cause of the case is divorce which in turn because of the rebellion of the productive wife against the husband’s authority.
2. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on children are: Children have the feeling of psychological isolation and keeping aside of the society as a result of the separation between the husband and wife.

3. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on family are: The husband gets involved in taking care of his children and satisfied not to marry again.

4. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on society are: it produces people who are not sociable and full of anxieties and worries.

5. Suggestion and recommendations: He believes that partners should carefully choose each other if they want to build a strong and stable family.

Tenth Case:

(Q – Sh.) is a 45 years old housewife with a high school certificate. She married a university degree holder who used to live near their house so her marriage was based on love. Her husband became one of the important businessmen and their married life was exemplary in love, mutual understanding and happiness. Before marrying her, the husband used to drink and use drugs but he gave up these bad habits in the hope of establishing an idealistic happy home. They had two boys and a daughter but after 10 years of happy marriage, the husband suffered a huge loss in his trade. As a result of this he became psychologically ill and stayed at home without trying to recompense. He sold his house and car, rented house in a public neighborhood and returned to drugs and alcohol. He spent long hours in chewing qat and smoking. Consequently, he got more tense and nervous. Moreover he lost what remained of his
trade and his illness worsened. She tried to advise him to stop taking drugs and start working again but in vain. Her brothers asked her to leave her husband and come to live with them. At the beginning she refused but when they insisted, she agreed after they allowed her to take her children with her. They gave her a 3-room flat equipped with satellite and TV in the centre of Sana'a and a 50,000 Y.R. a month. The husband missed them and tried to take them back but he did not fulfill her brothers' condition of finding a job to support her and her kids. She used to allow her kids to visit their father. One of them used to lie to her and did not go to school or visit his father but was associated with some bad friends, taking dangerous drugs. He also caused problems with her neighbors to the extent that he stabbed the son of one of the neighbors in the chest. He was arrested by police but the injury was not fatal and the issue was settled by sending her son to a rehabilitation center. She feels that her kids have a tendency to go astray. This increases the level of crime in society. Media, she think, should pay more attention to family issues to help strengthening family ties.

This case suggests the following:

1. Causes and factors leading to disassembly of the family are: husband's chronic psychological status due to loss of business.

2. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on children are: scattering the children between the mother and father and might stop their school.

3. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on family are: scattering the family members; father is psychologically affected and the children are diverts.
4. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on society are: diversion of the children's behavior and to become rebellious against society and spread of the crimes and fights with other children.

5. Suggestion and recommendations: Media, she think, should pay more attention to family issues to help strengthening family ties.

**Findings of 10 Case Studies:**

These case studies suggest the following:

1. **Causes and factors leading to the family disassembly are:** Divorce and intervention of the husband's relatives, husband's betrayal and infidelity with the wife, mutual misunderstanding and lack of coordination between the couple, the wife's indifference to the husband's financial circumstances, husband's abandonment of the wife, the wife's death or illness, the husband's imprisonment for embezzlement, and the productive (employed) wife's rebellion against the husband's authority.

2. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on children are:** Children have feeling of fear and feel being insecure in life, children feeling inferiority and their school-drop out to join friends with bad background, Children feeling of developed hatred towards their fathers due to their bad treatment towards their mothers, acquiring bad habits such as smoking and qat-chewing, Children feel lack of confidence in their success of marriage in future, feeling of complete frustration and self-isolation, Children suffering a lot due to the remarriage of their fathers, difficulty in children's upbringing, children feel isolation and passivity in their roles and scattering here and there between the wife and husband.

3. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on family are:** The divorced wife's feeling of frustration and despair in life, the wife's
heavy burden in children's upbringing and restriction in the movements and behavior by family and neighbors, the wife's feeling of disappointment and depression due to the failure of her marriage experience, children's dispersal between the husband and wife, the husband's feeling of worry and fear of children especially among daughters from diversion and bad acts such as begging and so on, family's imbalance among its members, the husband's satisfaction of not to marry again, the husband's involvement in taking care of children instead of their mothers, and family members exposed to some psychological problems.

4. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on society are: Lack of the intimate communication between couples' families, children's rebellion against the social values and conventions, psychologically unsound people resulted and thus non-productive, noticing bad acts such as theft, threatening the stability and security in the social system, the fathers' withdrawal of their roles and its negative reflection against the society, the crackdown of the society and diversion from the social norms and values, destabilizing the relationships between the wife's family and the husband's, children developed spirit of revenge against fathers' friends for not offering them a help, producing people with psychological disorders and introverts, and children's diversion and committing crimes. Thus society at large is also at a loss.

5. Suggestions and recommendations: The case studies recommend/advice the following: No intervention from the husband's relatives, couples' awareness of their rights and responsibilities, the right of a partner to select the other partner for marriage away from
the pressure of the families, fulfillment of all the necessary things for all the members of the family, no marriage to more than one wife is advisable, the selection process of the partner for the other partner should be with care and reason, consultations and advices from family centers be provided, and media should have its role to increase awareness of the importance of the family ties.

4.2 Case Studies of the Family Disassembly from the Perspective of Children:

During the study of the family disassembly, its impact on family, children and society in Sana'a, Yemen, we conducted case studies of children from 10 families from the area. We studied 10 cases from the perspective of children. While choosing these 10 cases of children, it was kept in mind to know the causes, factors and impacts of the family disassembly on the family itself, children and on the larger society. We collected the information about the children in the same way as followed in cases of the single parents by identification of their families.

1 The Son:

(M-S) is a 16-year-old boy, the eldest of his brothers. He is in secondary school. His father can write and read and he is working in traditional craft work. His mother, with whom he lives along with his brothers and sisters, is an illiterate housewife. His father does not live with them because he is married to another woman. When his parents used to quarrel, he used to feel afraid. When they divorced, he felt a strong hatred towards his father's family because they were the reason for the divorce. Regarding his relationship with his mother, he strongly loves her because she cares for him and his brothers and provides them with what they need. She offers them guidance, advice, shares their problems
and worries, and oversees their studies. He believes that their mother is trying to compensate for the absence of the father, but he still feels insecure because of the separation between father and mother. His father's visits to them are rare. He does not chew qat and neither does his mother but the father does. He has never been arrested by police or left home. He has good relationship with his friends who do not feel ashamed of him.

This case study suggests the following:

1. **Causes and factors leading to family disassembly are:** Divorce between father and mother and intervention of the father's relatives in the marital life of the parents.

2. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on children are:** Children usually feel insecure and worried about their future in the absence of the other parent.

3. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on family are:** The family disassembly leads to scattering of children here and there between their fathers and mothers. This leads to family instability.

4. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on society are:** Children did not visit the husband's relatives and developed hatred attitude by children towards them. This with no doubt would make the family relationships are weak and loose.

5. **Suggestion given by the children are:** that relatives should not interfere in the disputes between husband and wife. Such interference often leads to the disintegration of the family, and it weakens social relationships among relatives within society.

2. **The Son:**

   (C-L), the eldest son, is a 17-years-old young man who left school when he was in the seventh class. His dislike of studying led to his failure
several times. He said that his parents used to fight with each other but not in front of him. He thinks that his mother does not want him to be with his mates because they have been arrested by police for physically attacking a bus driver. He used to like going to cinema, and coffeehouses and chewing qat with his friends. His mother used force to make him stop these habits and leave bad company. He believes that his mother’s genuine fear and his great respect for her have helped him to abandon his bad friends. Now he wants to work in his father’s company and dreams of becoming a business man like his dad. He often visits his father begging him to allow him to work with him. But the father refuses, gives him money, and often feels sorry for his son blaming the whole thing on the mother. He is confused, torn between his father and mother, and hates people for the way they look on him and his family because of the absence of the father. He has never left home and his friends are not ashamed of him.

This case study suggests the following:

1. **Causes and factors leading to family disassembly are:** The family disassembly was because of the divorce which resulted from conflict between the husband and the wife.

2. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on children are:** Children acquire bad behaviors like smoking and qat-chewing, hanging out in the cinemas and cafes.

3. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on family are:** The mothers' fear and worry about the children and the difficulty in their upbringing was one of the effects of the family disassembly.

4. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on society are:** Children have the feeling of inferiority in the society and have developed hatred against the people of the society.
5. **Suggestion given by the children are:** I advise society to provide the help and support along with the respect given to the disassembled families.

3 **The Daughter:**

(A-S) is a ten-years-old girl in class 4 who loves her mother so much because she shares in her worries, solves her problems, and deals with her leniently whenever she misbehaves. Her younger sister has not joined school yet because she is still young. (A-S) feels strong resentment towards her father for the way he treats her mother, for stopping to pay her and her sister’s expenses, and for not visiting them. She said her father went to live with his new wife, his co-worker, after divorcing her mother. Neither she nor her mother chews qat but her father does chew qat. She is allowed to visit her relatives and she loves all her schools mates.

This case study suggests the following:

1. **Causes and factors leading to family disassembly are:** The cause of the family disassembly was the divorce which was resulted because the bad treatment the wife received by the husband.

2. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on children are:** The effect of the disassembly was the children’s feeling of hatred for the father because of the bad treatment of their father to their mothers.

3. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on family are:** The insufficiency of the family income was the effect of this disassembly.

4. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on society are:** The insufficient income of the family would lead to the children’s feeling of the hatred towards the people around because of the inability to satisfy their desires.
5. **Suggestion given by the children are:** I advise the continuity of financially support of the father to the wife and the children even after the divorce.

4 **The Son:**

(L-Y) is the eldest son. He is 12 years old in the fifth class while his younger brother is in the second class and the third one has not joined school yet. L-Y says that his ill-tempered father used to quarrel with his man, abuse her and use every opportunity to rebuke her. She never said no to him even if it was at the expense of her and her sons. The son feels sorry for his mother, for her patience and her sacrifices in the past especially when his father was abroad. Instead of compensating them and caring for them or visiting them, he has abandoned them. This has created a feeling of contempt within him towards his father and all fathers. (L-Y) chews qat just like his parents. It was his uncle, his mother's brother who first made him smoke and chew qat. At the beginning his mother did not know and when she accidentally discovered this, she tried to advise him. His uncle also led him to a break-into a house in their area stealing some Jewelry and giving them to his uncle who escaped with the stolen things when the theft was discovered. (L-Y) was arrested by police but his mother sold her Jewelry and compensated the owners of the house. He left home only once when he visited a friend and was late so he had to spend the night with that friend and his mother was worried. Some of his friends feel ashamed of him claiming that he was not brought up by a man.

This case study suggests the following:
1. Causes and factors leading to family disassembly are: The cause of the disassembly is the divorce which was a result of frequently quarreled sessions between the parents.

2. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on children are: They have the feeling that their friends laughed at them. There appeared wrong behaviors such as theft and so on in their lives.

3. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on family are: The mother faced difficulty and problems in upbringing of the children.

4. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on society are: The family disassembly would create divers who would negatively affect the society by baring the development processes of the society.

5. Suggestion given by the children are: The disassembled families should be taken care by the society and providing them of their needs. The absence or insufficient care and follow-ups for the children by parents might lead them to be delinquent in behavior and join outcasts and people with bad backgrounds.

5 The Daughter:

(Y-A) is 12 years old and the second oldest daughter who left school from grade 3 because of the family’s economic circumstances. Her elder sister left school too while other children did not go to school at all. They live with their father and visit their mother in her family’s house from time to time. As for begging, she says, that the father was fully aware they were begging and was worried only of the problems they might get themselves in. Before divorce, her parents used to fight in front of her and she used to be scared. Her relationship with her father is good because he rarely beats her and he advises her and shares in her problems. She thinks that her father is trying to compensate them for the absence of the mother. Their aunt, too, tries to look after them as she lives with them.
She and both her parents chew qat and she has never been arrested by police or left the house. Her friends are not ashamed of her.

This case study suggests the following:

1. **Causes and factors leading to family disassembly are:** The cause of the disassembly was the divorce which was a result of the husband's bad economical situation.

2. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on children are:** The effect was seen by the scattering of the children between the mother and the father.

3. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on family are:** Scattering children here and there would result in various, sometimes contradictory, upbringings for the same child.

4. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on society are:** The absence of the complete supervision of the other single parent for the children would lead to make the children aimlessly wandering in the streets.

5. **Suggestion given by the children are:** More care and attention should be paid to the children, providing them with all the necessary requirements of living. Parents should stop their quarrel to each other after divorce before the children.

6. **The Daughter:**

   (S-B), the eldest daughter of R-A, is 13 years old but she is still in grade 4. Her younger sister left school because of her repeated failure, the brother is in grade 1 and the other sister has not joined school. (S-B) suffers from the bad treatment of her father's first wife who insults her and accuses her of doing things she never does, exposing her to her father's beating. Whenever her mother tries to defend her, she too, is
insulted and often beaten. As a result she hates her father and society at large for not being able to protect the rights of her mother. Naturally she loves her mother who guides her, shares her in her worries and problems and rarely beats her. She does not chew qat nor does her mother but her father does. She is often allowed to visit her relatives and her relationship with her friends is good. She has never left home.

This case study suggests the following:

1. **Causes and factors leading to family disassembly are**: The cause of the family disassembly was the abandonment and neglect of the wife by the husband because the polygamy.

2. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on children are**: The effects could be the children’s failure in their studies and self-introvert.

3. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on family are**: The family disassembly would lead to arise some problems in the family difficult to be resolved as a result of the husband’s abandonment for the wife.

4. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on society are**: The children with disassembled families have the feeling of hatred for the society.

5. **Suggestion given by the children are**: I argue, based on the Islamic condition for the polygamy, there should be complete equality among the wives.

7 **The Son:**

(T-A) is the eldest son of A- Q. He is 13 years old in grade 7. His father is a teacher and his dead mother was a housewife with a university degree. His father married another woman but divorced her because of the way she used to treat him and his brothers. She used to treat them as
servants and beat them often for no reasons. Their grandmother helplessly tried to protect them. His stepmother justified this treatment by her concern for them and the father believed her at the beginning but later he knew that she was lying to him when he saw the bruises in their bodies. His relationship with his dad is good and stable because his father tried to look after them and provide them with their needs. Yet, the child still misses his mother. Neither he nor his father chews qat. He has not been arrested by police or left home. His friends do not feel ashamed of him and he has good relationship with them.

This case study suggests the following:

1 Causes and factors leading to family disassembly are: The cause of the family disassembly was because of the death of the mother which was caused by illness.

2 Effects resulted from the family disassembly on children are: The death of the mother, the children usually receive cruelty and violence from the new wife of their father.

3 Effects resulted from the family disassembly on family are: The effects included the satisfaction of the husband of not to marry once again after divorcing the new wife.

4 Effects resulted from the family disassembly on society are: Using violence in upbringing the children would create a violence-loving generation.

5 Suggestion given by the children are: I advise that the partners should carefully select their other partners.

8 The Daughter:

(Z-R) is 9 years old in grade 2 while her brother is in grade 1. She respects her mother although she treats her harshly whenever she does
something wrong and rarely tries to help her solve her problems. She
spites her father's friends for letting him down, although her father used
to stand by their side in their troubles. They do not help her or anyone of
her family. She and her mother do not chew qat but her father does. She
is allowed to visit her relatives. She has never been arrested and has never
left home. As for her friends, they feel ashamed of her because her dad is
in prison.

This case study suggests the following:

1 Causes and factors leading to family disassembly are: The cause of
the family disassembly was the husband's imprisonment due to the
financial embezzlement.

2 Effects resulted from the family disassembly on children are: The
children were laughed at by their friend because of the imprisonment
of their father.

3 Effects resulted from the family disassembly on family are: Due to
the imprisonment of the father, the income of the family would be
reduced.

4 Effects resulted from the family disassembly on society are: The
children's neglect and indifference by society would create the sense of
hatred towards the society.

5 Suggestions given by the children are: I advise there should be more
care and support to the disassembled families by the society.

9 The Son:

(Y-Sh) is the third child of Mr. (sh-R.) He had two elder sisters one
in class 1 in secondary school and the other in grade 9. Y-Sh is in grade 7
while his other brothers are in the early classes in basic education. He
says that his parents used to quarrel in front of him mostly over the
mother's negligence of her home and family as she spent most of her time in work or sitting with her friends. Sometimes they quarreled over her salary which she spent on her personal needs and qat without helping their father whose salary was not enough. After separation his father does his best to support them by working over time. He encourages them to study and tries to fill the vacuum created by the lack of motherly kindness. The father is helped in this by his elder daughters and together they try to help the kids overcome their fear and psychological depression. As far as qat is concerned, he says he does not chew qat but his father does. He is allowed to visit his mother and other relatives. He has never left home and has never been arrested. His relationship with his friends is good and they are not ashamed of him.

This case study suggests the following:

1. **Causes and factors leading to family disassembly are**: The cause of the family disassembly was divorce which in turn because of the rebellion of the productive wife against the husband's authority.

2. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on children are**: Children have the feeling of psychological isolation and keeping aside of the society as a result of the separation between the husband and wife.

3. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on family are**: The husband gets involved in taking care of his children and satisfied not to marry again and this would indeed reduce the income of the family.

4. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on society are**: The family disassembly produces complicated people full of anxieties and worries.
5. **Suggestion given by the children are:** I argue that there should be complete harmony and understanding between the couples regardless of their financial status. Each one is a part and parcel of the other partner in sharing the responsibilities of children care and house affairs.

10 **The Son:**

(T-G) is the youngest son of Q-Sh. He is 14 years old and in grade 5, his elder sister is in the first class in secondary school and his elder brother in grade 8. Because he was the youngest, he used to be pampered by his parents. But when things got worse, he lost that attention and found himself alone with no one sharing in his worries and problems. This led him to look for friends outside the house who encouraged him to smoke, chew qat, and even to use drugs. He used to be absent from school and did not visit his sick father. He had a fight with a boy from the neighborhood while playing football and he stabbed the boy with a knife in his chest but not fatally. He was released by police when the boy’s father withdrew the case and he was sent to a rehabilitation center. During his stay in the center, he was allowed to visit his mother in the weekends. After six months, he returned to live with his mother. He strongly loathes his mother’s relatives because they ended their life with their father. What adds to his depression and resentment towards society is the interference of his mother’s brothers in all their affairs. He knows that his mother’s love drives her to use force to keep him away of his bad friends and this is why he loves and respects her. He often obeys her and stays away from his friends. For him, his father is the most important thing in his life and he always tries to persuade him to start working again so they can live together with their both parents as a happy family.
This case study suggests the following:

1. **Causes and factors leading to family disassembly are:** The cause of the family disassembly is husband's chronic psychological status due to loss of business.

2. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on children are:** The family disassembly would lead the children to acquire the bad habits and behaviors such as smoking, qat-chewing and disturbance of others.

3. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on family are:** The effects included the scattering the members of the family.

4. **Effects resulted from the family disassembly on society are:** Because of the family disassembly created the children who are diverts who would rebel against the society values and norms.

5. **Suggestion given by the children are:** Children care and family care centers should be opened to solve the family problems to arise.

**Findings of 10 Case Studies:**

These cases of children studies suggest the following:

1. **Causes and factors leading to the family disassembly are:** Divorce and intervention of the husband's relatives, quarrel and conflict between the husband and the wife, the husband's bad treatment for the wife, the frequently quarrel sessions between the husband and the wife, the husband's bad economic situation, the abandonment and neglect of the wife by the husband, the death of the mother, the husband's imprisonment, the rebellion of the productive wife against the husband's authority, the husband's chronic psychological status due to loss of business.
2. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on children are:
Children's feeling of being insecure and worried about their future, Children acquired bad behaviors like smoking and qat-chewing, children's feeling of hatred for the father in response to their bad treatment to their mothers, the children were laughed at by the society, scattering of the children between the mother and the father, the children's failure in their studies and self-introvert, the children receive cruelty and violence from the new wife of their father, the children's feeling of inferiority and shame because of the imprisonment of their father, the children have the feeling of psychological isolation.

3. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on family are:
children were scattered here and there between their fathers and mothers, the mothers faced the difficulty in upbringing of children, the insufficiency of the family income, the children would receive various and contradiction upbringings, some difficult problems in arise in the family, the husband's self-satisfaction of not to re-marry, the reduction in the family income, the husband's involvement in taking care of his children and neglecting his other businesses.

4. Effects resulted from the family disassembly on society are:
The lack of children's visits to the husband's relatives and developed hatred attitude by children towards them, the children's feeling of inferiority in the society, The insufficient income of the family would lead to the children's feeling of the hatred towards the people around, the family disassembly bars the development processes of the society, the children would lead to make the children aimlessly wandering in the streets, children's feeling of hatred for the society, using violence in upbringing the children would create a violence-loving generation, the
children's neglect and indifference by society would create the sense of hatred towards the society, complicated people full of anxieties and worries were produced, children rebel against the society values and norms.

5. Suggestion given by the children are: No relatives' interference in the matters of the couples, the help and support to the disassembled families, the continuity of financial support of the father to the wife and the children even after the divorce also be given, disassembled families should be taken more care and attention by the society, the complete equality among the wives should be observed by husband, the partners should carefully select their other partners, the couples should share the responsibilities of children care and house affairs, a need for care centers of children and family for solving family-related problems.